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**NEW PEACE  
AGREEMENT IN  
THE NORTH**

Japanese Military  
Line Marked.

TRUCE DETAILS VERBAL AND  
PROVISIONAL

No More Fighting Unless  
Negotiations Fail

Peking, To-day.

It is reliably reported that the Sino-Japanese peace agreement marks the Japanese military line and provides for the withdrawal of the Chinese troops to the south thereof.

Chinese and Japanese delegates will negotiate the final details of the truce which, if successful, will lead to the Japanese withdrawal to the Great Wall.

It is certain there will be no more fighting unless subsequent negotiations break down.

Details of the truce are provisional and verbal, and not yet signed.

The truce will be followed by an aide memoire.

Agreement was reached after negotiations beginning Monday evening and lasting all night and most of Tuesday. General Huang Fu, chief Chinese representative, and the Japanese authorities rescinded an arrangement to convey all Japanese in Peking city to the Legation Quarter.

Instead of sending out small patrols the Japanese will safeguard Japanese citizens in their homes. Shopkeepers are warned not to be alarmed by this arrangement. — Reuter.

**No Truce Report  
In Peking.**

PRESS STATES JAPANESE  
TROOPS ADVANCING

Nanking, To-day.  
The Chinese press in the capital has not published a single word concerning the truce negotiations or the agreement and feature reports that the Japanese troops are pressing on to Peking. — Reuter.

**More Flights Over  
Peking.**

10 JAPANESE PLANES  
DEMONSTRATE

Peking, To-day.  
Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning a flight of nine Japanese scouting planes flashed across Peking at terrific speed. They were followed by the more leisurely flight of a single bomber.

This fresh visit was apparently for demonstration purposes, as well as watching Chinese troop movements. — Reuter.

**WORLD PROBLEM**

Mr. Soong's Comment  
On Truce Proposal.

New York, To-day.  
In an interview with the New York Times, Mr. T. V. Soong, Chinese Finance Minister, declared that the situation arising out of the Sino-Japanese hostilities was a world problem.

With reference to the truce report, Mr. Soong said "I can see no Chinese Government that pretends to any authority that it is willing to sign any agreement giving up Manchuria and Jehol." — Reuter.



Mr. Edward Dahlberg, an American writer of Jewish extraction, who recently arrived to write for Scribner's Magazine, and was attacked by a man in Nazi uniform in the streets of Berlin.

**C.E.R. DISPUTE**

Rail Service Being  
Disorganised.

TRAFFIC TO SOVIET TO BE  
SUSPENDED

Moscow, To-day.

A decision to suspend all traffic between the Chinese Eastern Railway and the USSR was recently made at a conference at the Japanese Embassy at Changchun.

The reasons for this, it is alleged here, is due to further damage to the C.E.R. and the Soviet by the interrupting of communications with Vladivostok and directing the traffic from the C.E.R. to Dairen, thus tending to disorganise the C.E.R. and strengthen the Japanese position in the negotiations pending over the purchase price of the railway.

The Soviet newspaper, Izvestia, commenting on the position States, that notwithstanding the Japanese-Soviet negotiations over the railway's purchase, the aggressive elements in Manchuria are continuing their provocative activities to prevent the peaceful regulation of the misunderstandings which have arisen.

"If Tokio is a party to this, which we should hate to believe, it explains the fact that no reply has been received to the Soviet proposal to sell the Chinese Eastern Railway." — Reuter.

**STOP PRESS**

TRUCE TO BE SIGNED  
TO-MORROW

Tokyo, To-day.  
The truce will be signed by Chinese and Japanese officials at Mujun to-morrow, according to official Japanese quarters.

At present the truce is verbal only. — Reuter.

**POLAND ALARMED AT  
4-POWER PACT**

FRESH CRISIS ARISES  
AT GENEVA

GERMANY MAY WITHDRAW OWING  
TO FRENCH DEMANDS

GENEVA, TO-DAY.  
POLAND AND THE LITTLE ENTENTE ARE MOST ALARMED AT THE REPORTS OF THE IMMINENCE OF THE SIGNATURES TO THE FOUR-POWER PACT. POLISH REPRESENTATIVES AT GENEVA AND PARIS HAD LONG INTERVIEWS WITH THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES, WHILE THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAD A TALK WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT WARSAW.

It is understood that representatives of the Little Entente also sent very pressing representations to Paris. It is reported that considerable tension exists between France, on one hand, and Poland and the Little Entente on the other.

The Four Power Pact, if concluded, will probably be followed by a new orientation policy among the Central European States. — Reuter.

France Objects To  
Article 22.

GERMANY MAY RENEW  
OPPOSITION TO PLAN.

Geneva, To-day.

A fresh crisis has arisen at the Disarmament Conference.

M. Paul Boncour, French Foreign Minister, during the course of discussion on Article Twenty-two, relating to the destruction of tanks and large land-guns, declared that the French Government would not agree to a reduction while their claims regarding security, control and standardisation of arms were unfulfilled.

Dr. Nadolny, the German delegate, is thereupon reported to have declared that Germany will be compelled to withdraw her acquiescence to the plan.

It is believed that Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Secretary, will get into touch with the French delegate and try to reach an understanding. — Reuter.

French Attitude,  
U. S. CANNOT AGREE

Washington, To-day.

Officials here are of the opinion that it is hardly possible for America to agree to the French attitude to Disarmament as expounded by M. Paul Boncour, French Foreign Minister yesterday, when he pronounced against the destruction of "offensive" weapons, which he said, should be preserved under supervision of the League of Nations. — Reuter.

**SCILLY ISLANDERS  
WELCOME PRINCE**

Whole Population Await  
Flying Visitor.

London, To-day.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, yesterday flew from Falmouth in a Royal Air Force flying-boat, to the Scilly Isles; and practically the entire population of the islands, consisting of fisherfolk and flower-growers, was awaiting him when he came down in St. Mary's Harbour. — British Wireless Service.

**KING AND QUEEN AT  
FLOWER SHOW**

London, To-day.

Their Majesties the King and Queen yesterday visited the Chelsea Flower Show in the Royal Hospital Gardens, and spent a long time admiring the wonderful display. — British Wireless Service.

Berlin Reaction To  
U.S. Policy.

"FRANCE MUST NOW SHOW  
SINCERITY"

Berlin, To-day.

The statement made by Mr. Norman Davis, the United States envoy, at Geneva, is regarded as a step forward towards Disarmament in German official quarters, which stress the American emphasis on the obligation of highly-armed nations to disarm, thus removing the inequality imposed on disarmed countries.

This is taken as the recognition of German's demand for equal rights within the limits of general armaments reduction to that fixed by the Versailles Treaty.

It is urged that it is now up to France to give tangible proof that she also really wants Disarmament on the lines of the British plan. — Reuter.

**BRITAIN'S REPLY  
TO ROOSEVELT**

Appreciation Of Arms  
Policy.

London, To-day.

Sir Robert Lindsay, British Ambassador in Washington, yesterday delivered the following reply to President Roosevelt's recent message: —

"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have read with much appreciation the message which the President of the United States addressed to the heads of all countries participating in the Disarmament and the Economic Conference on May 16."

His Majesty's Government feel that the action which Mr. Roosevelt has taken in addressing this message to the peoples of the world is of the highest importance, and is well calculated to further the aim which His Majesty's Government have striven to secure, namely the success of the two world conferences.

"They entirely share the President's view that on the successful outcome of these conferences hang the future happiness and prosperity of the world."

"They are all the more encouraged by Mr. Roosevelt's message because the President places as the first step of his programme the adoption of the draft Disarmament Convention." — (Continued on Page 2)

**BRITISH  
SUBMARINE  
RAMMED**

Slight Damage To  
L23 In Fog.

MAKES WATER BUT REACHES  
PORT UNAIDED

London, To-day.

The British submarine, L23, was yesterday rammed by a trawler, the "Lord Davidson," in a thick fog, seven miles off Kinnaird Head, Aberdeenshire.

Fortunately only slight damage was done, and the L23 reported that although she was making water slightly, this could be kept under, and she needed no assistance.

She was escorted to Rosyth.

The L23 is a vessel of 760 tons, with a complement of about 30 officers and men. — British Wireless Service.

**SUSSEX WIN  
AND LANCASHIRE  
RECEIVE CHECK**

Derby Beat Kent By  
Eight Wickets.

NOTTS AGAIN DISAPPOINT

Baring And Iddon Score  
Double Centuries

London, To-day.

Sussex, last year's runners-up and the hope of the South, recorded their fourth triumph in the County Cricket Championship yesterday when they beat Gloucestershire by an innings. In compiling 546 the southerners established a record for the season.

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Results as cabled by Reuter were as follows: —

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Surrey took first innings points from Hampshire at Southampton. Surrey: 506 (Baring 209). Hampshire: 305 (Potchary 101, P. G. H. Fender 7 for 96), 334 for 5 (Mead 109 not out).

Northampton beat Glamorgan by 9 wickets at Northampton. Glamorgan: 249 (M. J. Turnbull 114, Clark 7 for 68) and 226. Northants: 382 for 7 dec. (Baker 115) and 94 for 1.

Sussex beat Gloucestershire by an innings and 35 runs at Hove. Gloucester: 297 and 214. Sussex: 646 (Cook 169).

Lancashire took first innings points from Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Lancs: 485 for 8 dec. (Iddon 204 not out). Warwick: 314 (Santall 101) and 177 for 8.

Derbyshire beat Kent by 8 wickets at Derby.

Kent: 159 (Copson 8 for 88), 255 (Ames 145, Mitchell 8 for 82).

Derby: 228 and 190 for 2.

**FOREIGN CONCERNS ABSORB  
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254 New Industries Opened  
Since 1931

London, To-day.

Since November, 1931, 254 new industries have been established in Great Britain by or with the assistance of foreign concerns, and it is anticipated by the Board of Trade, that the number of their employees, now about 11,000, will increase to over 17,000 when the factories are fully occupied. — British Wireless Service.

**LORD DERBY SENDS  
GOOD WISHES**

Message From Junior  
Carlton Club.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY

The following message has been received from the Hon. Secretary, British Empire Fair, at the request of the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor.

"Lord Derby, who is President of the Junior Carlton Club, is giving an Empire Luncheon to-day (Wednesday) at which the Right Honourable J. H. Thomas, His Majesty's Minister for the Colonies, and the Right Honourable Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, His Majesty's Minister for the Colonies, will be present."

Lord Derby has sent the following telegram to His Excellency the Governor: —

Sir William Peel, Victoria, Hong Kong.

The Junior Carlton Club and assembled guests send sincerest wishes for prosperity and happiness to yourself and all people of Hong Kong. — DERBY.

His Excellency the Governor has replied as follows: —  
To Lord Derby, Junior Carlton Club, London.—On behalf of myself and the people of Hong Kong I thank the Club and assembled guests for their message. This Colony earnestly desires loyalty to co-operate in strengthening the unity of our great Empire and is working to that end. — PEEL, GOVERNOR.

**LIGHT TRADING  
IN SILVER.**

Industrials Rise On  
Wall Street.

New York, To-day.

Silver prices tended upward at the opening of the New York Stock Market yesterday, but trading was relatively light. Commission House interests were light on both sides.

Business generally, was fair, and an advance in prices all round is anticipated. Industrial, rail, utility and bond averages showed greater strength, industrials rising 3.12 to 83.06. — Reuter.

**LOCAL DOLLAR  
STEADY.**

Slight Advance In  
Silver Prices.

The local dollar has remained steady, opening this morning at 1/4 1/2.

Silver prices, both spot and forward, advanced 1/8, both being quoted at 18 1/2 this morning. — Cross rates were this morning £-G\$8.91, and £-G\$8.92, for the London on New York, and New York on London rates, respectively, as compared with £-G\$8.88 1/2 and £-G\$8.89 1/2 yesterday.

**COLOURFUL  
CEREMONY AT  
THE PENINSULA**

Dominion Premiers  
Send Messages.

H. E. STRESSES VALUE OF  
EMPIRE TRADE

Large Crowds Visit Hong Kong's  
Greatest Show

Hong Kong's greatest show, the British Empire Products Fair, was opened at noon to-day, by His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K. B. E., K. C. M. G.

The colourful ceremony took place before a large crowd on the first floor of the Peninsula Hotel, the committee responsible for the arrangements being seated on the raised dais with His Excellency, Lady Peel and other members of the official party.

Tremendous public interest in the Colony has been so aroused, and much enthusiasm was shown at the gathering, the slogan "Buy Empire Goods" pervading. Outstanding interest, was indicated by the visit of prominent Kwangtung officials, including Mr. Liu Yun-koy, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government and Mr. Liu Chi-wen Mayor of Canton, who were among the official party.

Immense crowds thronged around the Hotel to witness the arrival of His Excellency, while a Guard of Honour, composed of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, was drawn up outside the main door. The ceremonial dais, in the lounge was tastefully decorated with flags of the Empire, while behind, there was a tableau of Britannia. Following the speeches, Girl Guides and Brownies, bearing baskets filled with typical produce from the Empire and the New Territories, made presentations to Lady Peel. Before making a tour of the Fair, His Excellency, Lady Peel and other guests and officials, were entertained to luncheon in the Roof Garden.

With exhibits alone covering one acre, 100 exhibitors representing hundreds of firms throughout the Empire, the 1933 Fair shows a remarkable improvement on the initial show of last year. Not only is there a wider range of products, but the general lay-out shows a vast improvement, presenting an impressive and extremely interesting show.

The vast resources of the Empire are comprehensively covered, and everyone, no matter how narrow his interest, can find some thing affecting him in his everyday life. Probably the greatest expansion is shown in the machinery section, an expansion made possible by the erection of the huge matchless in Salisbury Road, while the insight into many industries provided by explanatory models, will prove of great educational value. The interest caused by these models is evident from the interested crowds who assembled around the stalls on which they exhibited from the moment of opening.

**OPENING CEREMONY.**

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K. B. E., K. C. M. G., and Lady Peel, were met on their arrival at the main entrance of the Hotel by the Chairman of the Empire Fair Committee, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, accompanied by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, and the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, and the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, and the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.



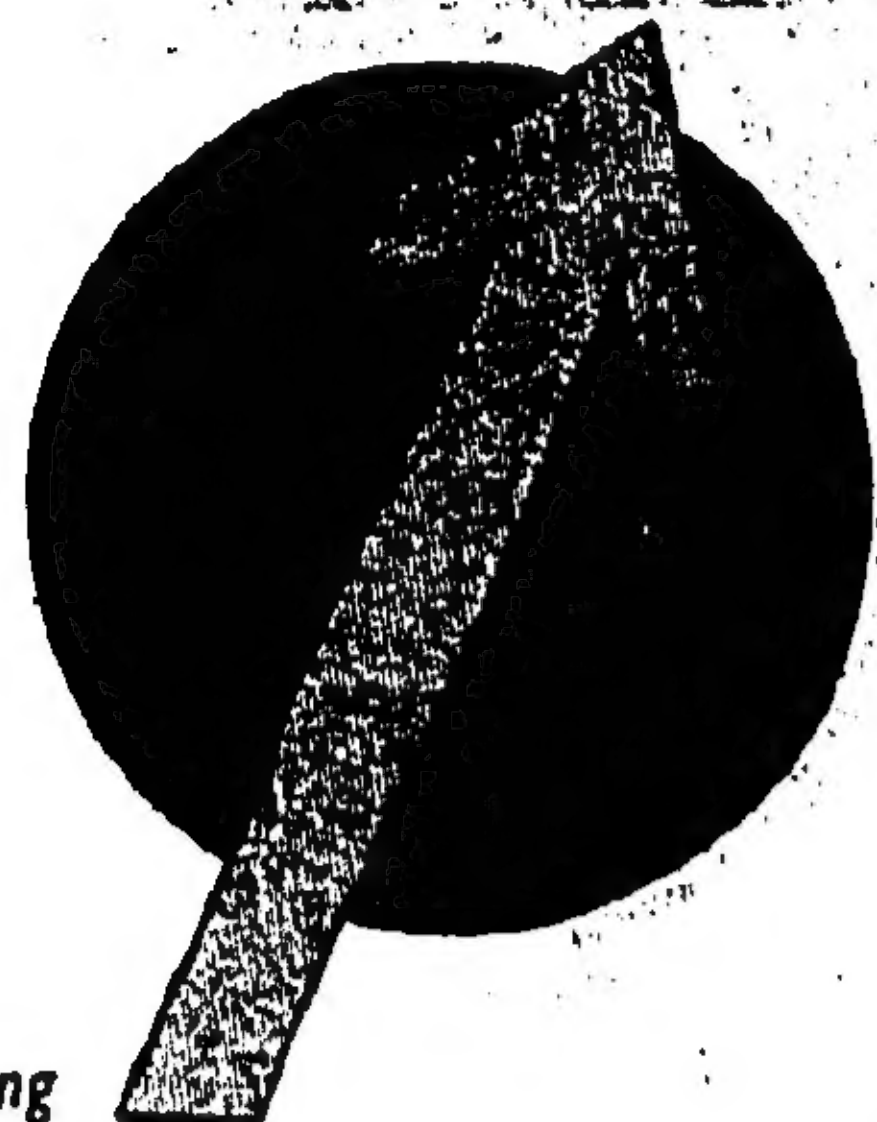


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#### Crepe And Straw.

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Some of them were made of silk crepe, others of straw. A high crepe toque, rising straight off the forehead for about seven inches and flaring a bit at the top is one of the favourite models, since its height may be adjusted by the wearer to suit the length of her face.

Another is a narrow brimmed straw with a high crown which slopes inward at the top until it is only about three inches in diameter.

Most of these skyscraper hats appear in dark colours, since their sensational shape attracts sufficient attention. For the slender chic woman they are extremely smart.

### ERASING OF RUST. MARKS.

#### Salts Of Sorrel Usually Successful.

Rust marks sometimes appear on frocks and stockings as a result of riding a bicycle or cleaning a car. Salts of sorrel are usually successful in removing such stains.

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This treatment is equally successful in the case of coloured or white materials, but an alternative method is to use a mixture of salt and lemon juice.

White articles should be left in the sun to dry and continually treated with the salt and lemon-juice solution until all traces of rust disappear.

### Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

**Breakfast Menu.**  
Grapefruit  
Soft Cooked Eggs  
Broiled Bacon Buttered Toast  
Coffee  
**Luncheon Menu.**  
Vegetable Salad  
Bread Butter  
Diced Fruit Tea  
**Dinner Menu.**  
Veal Chops Mushroom Sauce  
Mashed Potatoes  
Bread Butter  
Head Lettuce Russian Dressing  
Sponge Cake Coffee  
**Vegetable Salad, Serving Four.**  
½ cup cooked peas  
½ cup cooked carrots  
½ cup diced celery  
½ cup green beans  
2 tablespoons chopped onions  
1 tablespoon chopped pimientos  
1½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon paprika  
1½ cup salad dressing  
Chili ingredients. Combine and serve on crisp lettuce leaves.  
Mushroom Sauce.  
½ pound fresh mushrooms.  
2 cups water  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon paprika  
½ teaspoon finely chopped onions  
2 tablespoons chopped celery  
2 tablespoons chopped green peppers  
4 tablespoons butter  
4 tablespoons flour  
1 cup milk

Wash mushrooms, scrape with sharp knife and cut into thin slices. Add water and boil gently 20 minutes. Drain and reserve stock. Melt butter and add seasonings. Cook 2 minutes. Add flour and mix well. Add milk, reserved mushroom stock and mushrooms. Cook three minutes. Stir frequently.

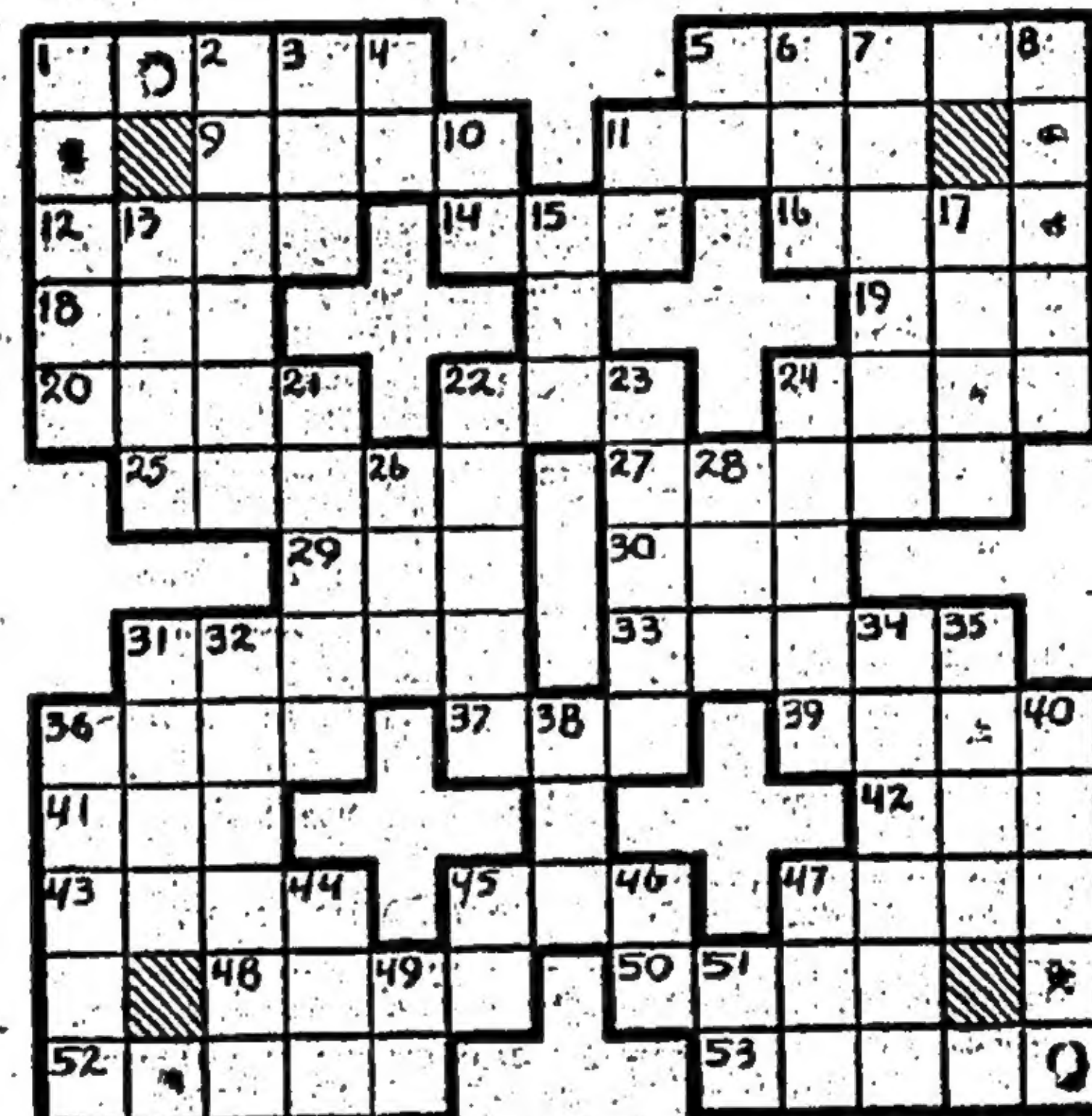
**Russian Dressing.**  
½ cup stiff mayonnaise  
3 tablespoons chili sauce  
1 tablespoon catsup  
2 tablespoons chopped ripe olives  
2 tablespoons chopped dill pickles  
Mix and chill ingredients. Serve on lettuce or vegetable salads.

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

CALM END SPOT  
BORE END SPOT  
ARIGHT ASPIRE  
RES AORTA NEE  
ERIN ERIE S  
SNAG ALSO  
A P I J  
TRIP TALL  
T EODEN BADE O  
ARA SEPAL NAD  
REMOTE REBATE  
SEER DID UPON  
DRAM STEM

### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and alibi.



#### HORIZONTAL

1-A grass-like herb  
5-Staff of life  
9-Organ of hearing  
11-Lowly  
12-Eagles  
14-Unit  
16-A mandatory precept  
18-Kitchen utensil  
19-Corroded  
20-Stocky part of a plant  
22-An insect  
24-A demon feuded to devour human beings  
25-Decorate  
27-To take away  
28-To spread loosely for drying, as fax  
30-A dance  
31-Inscribed  
32-To alter the form of  
34-Ruminant with antlers  
37-A title

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

38-Shakespearean character  
41-Unit of work  
42-Before  
43-Give food to  
45-Chinese plant  
47-Paradise  
48-Roman emperor  
50-A level shaded walk  
62-Grades  
63-Vehicles on runners

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

17-To make a note of  
21-An automobile  
22-Mountain in South America  
23-Small candle  
24-An island in the Gulf of Riga, Estonia  
25-To soak  
26-Obstruct  
27-Hayden  
28-One who rules in place of another  
31-Sewing implement  
32-Venture  
36-To delay  
38-Freeze  
40-Leases  
41-Scotch river  
43-Proposition  
45-Exist  
47-Addition to one side of a house  
48-Recording secretary (abbr.)  
51-Because

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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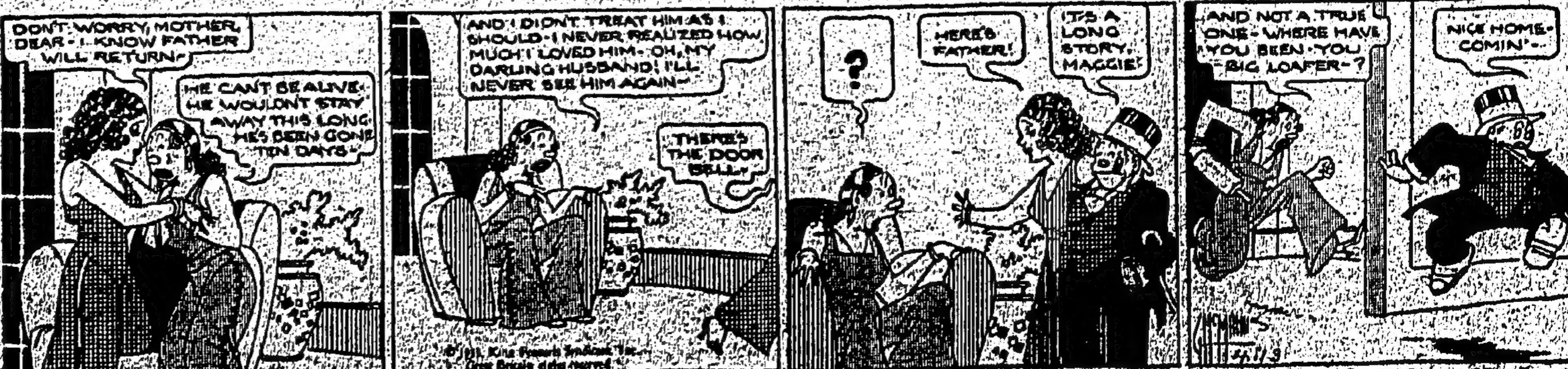
  
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### BRIDGE NOTES

#### WHEN TO LEAVE IT DOUBLE.

By FRANK ENGLAND

It is a well accepted principle that a partner must not leave in an Informative Double unless there is a reasonable prospect of defeating the contract substantially.

The double is usually employed over an original bid of one of a suit or One No Trump, so that in the vast majority of cases the chance of defeating such a small contract is remote and the risk of leaving the double in great.

There is, however, a material difference between the double of a suit or of a No Trump which should not be lost sight of. The suit doubled can rarely yield substantial penalties, but the No Trump double often does.

The explanation of this difference is that in bidding One Spade, although the high card strength may be no more than for a No Trump, the trump suit may be long and the consequent trick making value of the hand greater than in an evenly distributed No Trump pattern hand.

Moreover, in a suit bid the dummy may have ruffing values, some small trumps and a short suit or suits.

It is exceedingly dangerous, therefore, to leave in a suit double unless the hand contains length and strength in the Trump suit itself. In the No Trump double there is rarely a long suit and the declarer is "sandwiched" between two moderately strong hands and often finds himself forced to lead continually from his own hand—to his detriment.

#### An Example.

The difference between these two doubles is well illustrated by two hands which occurred in the final of the Team of Four Tournament of the British Bridge League Gold Cup. I quote the hands from memory as I have no record, but the material high card and distribution are accurately given.

North  
Spades A, 10, x.  
Hearts K, 10, x.  
Diamonds Q, 10, 9.  
Clubs J, x, x, x.

West  
Spades J, x, x, x.  
Hearts A, x, x.  
Diamonds J, x, x.  
Clubs x, x, x.

East  
Spades K, x, x.  
Hearts A, x, x.  
Diamonds A, x, x.  
Clubs A, 10, x, x.

South  
Spades Q, 9, x.  
Hearts Q, J, 9, x.  
Diamonds K, x, x, x.  
Clubs K, Q.

Dove score. North-South non-vulnerable, East-West vulnerable.

#### The bidding went:

North  
No.  
Double  
East  
1 No Trump  
No.  
South  
No.  
2 No Trumps  
West  
No.

West led a small spade and South made Three No Trumps by a finesse of the 10 of Diamonds, scoring 100 points. But what a chance was here missed!

South's Two No Trump bid was neither one thing nor the other, as it is hardly likely his partner can raise to Three after his original pass. It is true

North doubled, and it was a good "deductive" bid.

He knew West was weak, as he could not raise or take-out East's No Trump and that South must therefore have some strength. South should have bid Three No Trumps, or, better still, left the double in for penalties.

East and West would then have had no "switch" and East must be three down at least, 900 points, and he has to play cleverly to avoid being four down, 1400 points.

At the other table with the same original bid and the same "deductive" double again South did not rise to the occasion, but bid Two Hearts, was left in and made three.

North  
Spades A, Q, x, x.  
Hearts x, x, x.  
Diamonds 10, x.  
Clubs Q, x, x, x.

West  
Spades x, x, x, x.  
Hearts x, x.  
Diamonds Q, x, x, x.  
Clubs x, x.

East  
Spades K, J, 10, x, x.  
Hearts A, J, x, x, x.  
Diamonds x.  
Clubs K, x, x.

South  
Spades None.  
Heart K, Q, 10.  
Diamonds A, K, J, x, x.  
Clubs A, J, x, x.

Love score, both sides vulnerable. West dealt and the bidding was:

WEST  
No.  
No.  
No.  
No.  
NORTH  
No.  
1 Diamond  
No.  
No.  
EAST  
No.  
1 Spade  
Redouble?  
SOUTH  
1 Club  
Double  
No.

North-South were playing the strong Club with a negative Diamond response. North left in South's double the first round, and I think even then it was risky and that a No Trump bid would have been sounder.

But when East redoubled and South and West both passed North must now bid No Trumps. It is too near a thing as he can only rely on two tricks in his hand and not more than four from his partner.

East made one overtrick, game and over 1000 points, whereas North-South had game in No Trumps.

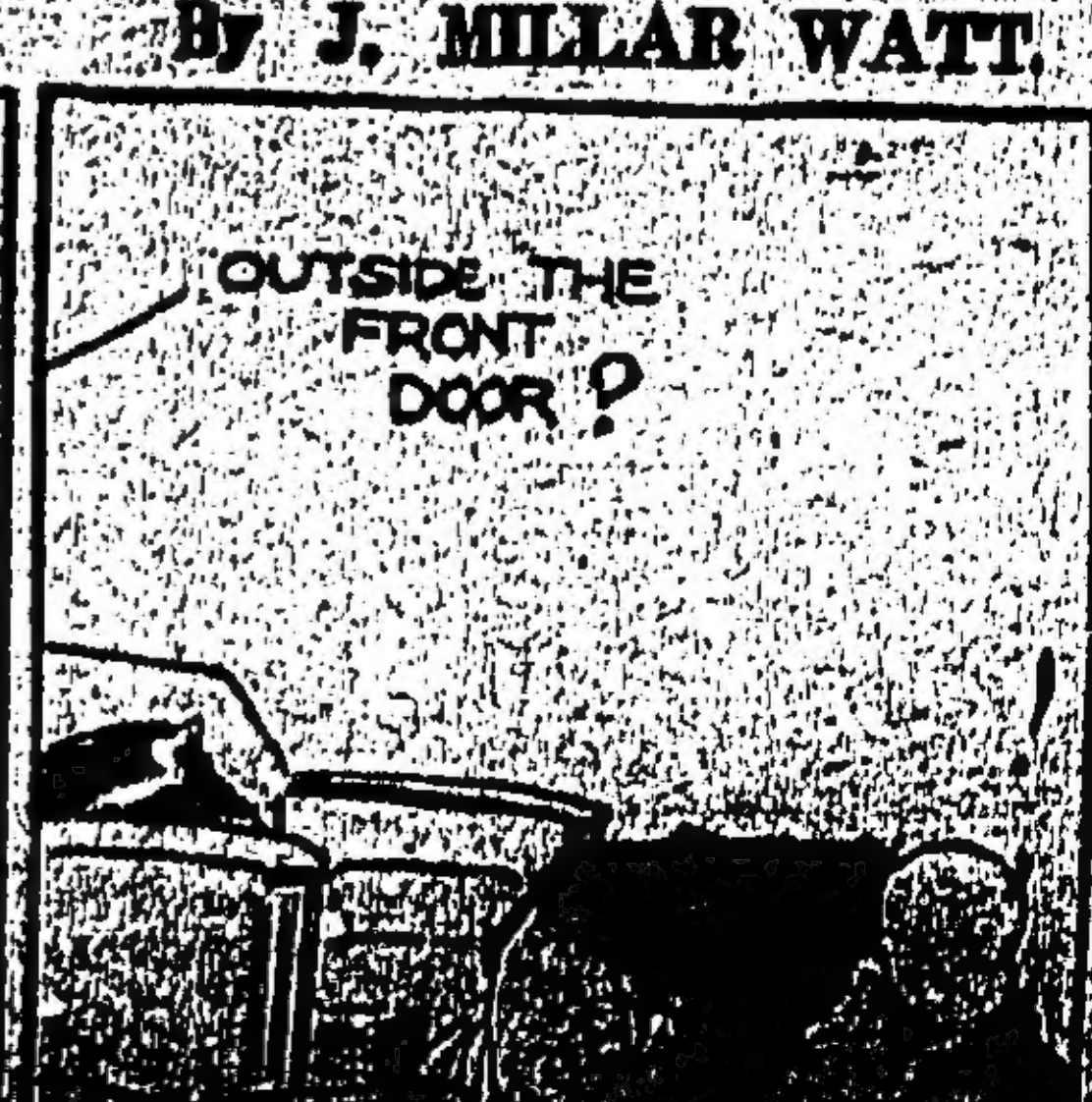
### BISHOP AS SOVIET WORKER.

Installed As Farm Head After Banishment.

Helsingfors. A former bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church is now Manager of the Soviet "Collectivist" farms, according to "Bessobornik," the Russian goddess paper.

This bishop's name is not stated, but the paper adds that after serving a long term of banishment for anti-revolutionary activities he was pardoned and installed in his present position—Renter.

### POP — Pop Decides To Make A Hasty Exit.



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## Empire Fair Opened

(Continued from Page 7.)

I also would like to offer him our especial thanks for the very great assistance he has given both at last year's Fair and this Fair. He has indeed been a tower of strength to the organisers.

### NEED FOR CO-OPERATION.

We greatly appreciate the friendly message from the Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce in Canada, which Major Duclos has just read. It is a message which indicates that true Empire spirit and desire for co-operation at the development of which we should all aim.

I think there is a great deal to be done in fostering trade between Hong Kong and Canada, and I agree with Mr. Stevens that we have many interests in common. I passed through Canada on my way home last year, but had very little time to study conditions there. I was impressed however in particular by three products which I thought could with advantage be exported on a larger scale to Hong Kong, namely motor-cars, fruit and beer. However with the establishment of a local brewery perhaps I had better not extol the value of Canadian liquor!

Trade between Australia and New Zealand and this Colony is growing, and I congratulate Mr. Williamson, who has acted as honorary agent for those Dominions, on this successful development. I also thank him for his valuable assistance in connection with this Fair.

We greatly appreciate the friendly messages from Australia and New Zealand which he and Mr. Tonkin have just conveyed to us. I take this opportunity of welcoming to Hong Kong Mr. Tonkin who has just arrived as the representative of the Commonwealth of Australia. In the matter of advertisement, too, we British have been behind other nations. Lulled perhaps by an excessive feeling of confidence and faith in our own products and achievements, we have tended to consider it unnecessary to advertise and push those products.

In these days however it must be conceded that if we are to capture the markets, it is necessary to advertise our goods.

### "Buy British"

In opening this Fair to-day, I appeal for a greater support for British products, and in that term of course I include the products of this—a British—Colony. The number of unemployed at home and in other parts of the Empire is very large, due partly to economic depression and partly to the fact that new inventions often diminish the need for man power. It is necessary therefore, in order to cope with this problem, to develop to the full the resources of the Empire. Team work is called for and we should realise that in supporting British industries we make a valuable contribution to the solution of a difficult Imperial problem.

It is essential however that such industries should aim at efficiency and economy and not allow themselves to be lulled into a wrong sense of security under the impression that if the whole Empire will but British goods things will become easy and less effort be necessary.

Our great Empire must be nearly self-supporting, and certainly should be capable of being made so. In spite of the old tradition of free trade, we have been driven to some extent to tariffs, but there is a school, and a very powerful one, which is not satisfied that that is the proper line to follow. At all events I have no hesitation in saying that the imposition of tariffs must not be allowed to depreciate efficiency and economy in production.

### THE TARIFF BOGEY.

Fundamentally it is most important that we should learn to produce goods which can compete successfully with similar goods of other countries, and at an economic price to the consumer. Tariffs would be entirely bad if they were to militate against this.

Hong Kong, while undoubtedly growing industrially, is still mainly a transit port, and there is no doubt in my mind that tariffs would on the whole, therefore, probably do more harm than good. It would be fatal to impose tariffs to help one of the industries, if by surrendering the principle which we have followed for many years we were to ruin the main trade of the port. Moreover it must be remembered that this Colony is not a

to a small extent, a primary producer and that in regard to its industries it is largely dependent on imported material. In these circumstances I need hardly stress the danger and difficulty of tariffs. I have not yet had an opportunity of seeing the exhibits to-day, but from what I have learnt there is no doubt that this Fair affords considerable evidence of what can be obtained from Empire sources, and also what this Colony is capable of producing.

### New Territories' Products.

I am very glad that there is such a fine exhibit of produce from the New Territories, and I trust that substantial purchases will be made. One cannot but be struck by the great industry and ability of the local agriculturist in producing what he does.

The Territories have long been noted for producing some of the finest rice in the world, and to-day varieties of fruit and vegetables, but more requires to be done in the direction of proper marketing, and I should like to see the principles of co-operation developed in this respect.

It has been proved that pineapples can be successfully grown, and I should like to see an up-to-date canning factory for this form of fruit developed in the Colony. To compete however with the canned products of other countries such as Hawaii and Malays improved methods must be introduced, and new strains imported.

The industrial tendency is undoubtedly growing in this Colony, and in spite of the slump and the fact that some factories have had to close down, the number continues to increase.

### HELPERS THANKED.

It would take too long to mention by name the many residents who have helped towards the organisation of the Fair, but I desire especially to thank the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels for again allocating to the Fair such a large amount of space in the Peninsula Hotel.

Mr. Taggart has helped in innumerable ways towards the successful organisation of the Fair, and the Hotel staff has co-operated in every possible way.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson has ably presided over meetings, but on the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and his sons, Mr. H. Braga and Mr. A. M. Braga, has fallen the brunt of the work of organisation of exhibits to which they have given a great deal of their time for months past. In this they have been supported by Mr. Key as Honorary Secretary.

The Military authorities have greatly assisted the Committee to keep down expenses by lending a considerable quantity of military equipment which has been used for the erection of stalls.

In this connection I would especially mention the help of Mrs. Borrett, Mrs. Kinnaird Watson, Mrs. Hoare, and the numerous ladies who are working under their leadership. The organisers of the several sections—the list is again too long to permit of individual mention—deserve our thanks.

The necessity of building two large pavilions on the adjoining land has involved special electrical difficulties, in handling which the China Light and Power Co., Messrs. Callender's Cable and Construction Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Wm. C. Jack & Co. have most helpfully collaborated in a way that has placed the Committee under a great obligation. To-night you will see the attractive lighting effects which have been installed.

The Telephone Company has gone to considerable expense and trouble to install the Public Address System which greatly helps speakers in this large building and will doubtless be found useful to exhibitors for broadcasting announcements within the Exhibition area.

Several firms and Public Companies—both British and Chinese—have given transport facilities and many more have distributed advertisements all over the Colony.

All the English newspapers, and several Chinese newspapers, have rendered essential assistance by placing their columns freely at the disposal of the Committee. I may perhaps conclude this incomplete resume by thanking the many exhibitors on whose combined support the Fair depends.

Visitors from Canada, I extend a very hearty welcome to H.E. Mr. H. H. Stevens and other Canadian delegates who have done us the honour of coming here to-day. I am sure that they will find that this Colony is not a

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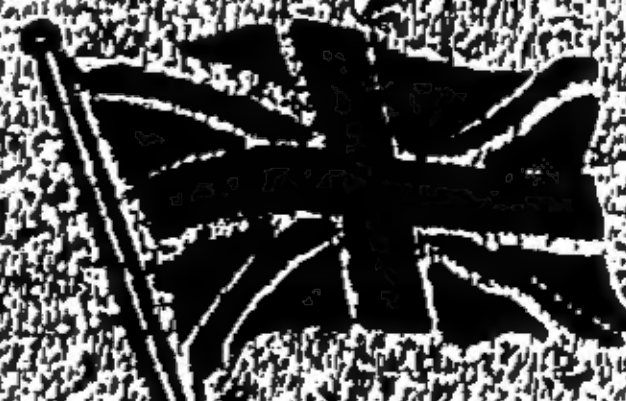
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wife of the General Manager of  
Reuter in the Far East, has given  
birth to a daughter. Both are re-  
ported to be doing well.

### The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, May 24, 1933.

### The British Empire Fair.

The institution of an annual  
Empire Fair attaches a greater  
significance to local observance  
of Empire Day and to-day it is  
brought home with greater force  
that the Colony is a part of the  
greatest Empire that the world  
has known. Some idea of the  
immensity of the British Em-  
pire, its vast resources and the  
astonishing development of the  
Dominions, is given at the Fair,  
where the exhibits impress more  
for their comprehensive variety  
than for their profusion. As a  
show, the Fair will prove a great  
attraction, but its educational  
value is at once apparent, and  
visitors will be surprised at the  
number and variety of goods  
that are manufactured within  
the Empire. Information on the  
Colony's industries is also pre-  
sented, and the displays of local  
manufactured goods demon-  
strate the rapid expansion of  
local industries that has taken  
place in the past few years, par-  
ticularly on the mainland. This  
year's Fair has been planned on  
a much larger scale than the in-  
itial Fair last year and the am-  
bitious efforts of the sponsors,  
due to excellent organization,  
has been realized. Its success is  
assured and it may be confi-  
dently predicted that from the mo-  
ment His Excellency the Gov-  
ernor officially declares the Fair  
open until the closing hour on  
Saturday, large crowds will con-  
tinue to tour the long lines of  
exhibits at the Peninsula Hotel.  
Through the Fair the Colony  
makes a splendid contribution  
to the movement, so auspiciously  
commenced at Ottawa towards  
winning the Empire into a close  
and effective economic unit, and  
the actual principle which  
prompted the Fair is well in keep-  
ing with the Empire spirit.

### Power From Severn Tides.

At the mouth of the Severn,  
England, the waters rise and  
fall 47 feet at the equinoxes.  
Even the Spring tides have a  
range of 40 feet, and the neap of  
22. Why not build a dam to  
hold back the water and pay it  
out gradually through turbines,  
which would be coupled with  
dynamo to generate electric  
energy? Moon and sun would  
turn the wheels of British fac-  
tories. English engineers have  
been toying with the idea for  
generations. One government re-  
port after another has examined  
it from the technical, industrial,  
navigational and economic angles.  
The latest, most thorough and  
authoritative of these examina-  
tions, representing six years of  
work by a committee of engin-  
eers and much experimenting  
by Professor A. H. Gibson with  
large-scale models of the Severn  
estuary to determine the effect  
of various types of dam on tidal  
levels and navigation, has been  
received tepidly by the British  
technical press. Not the feasi-  
bility of harnessing the tides but  
the commercial success of an en-  
terprise, which in the end may  
cost not much less than £40,000,  
000 is questioned. When it is  
considered that each of the 2,000  
million electrical units made  
available for the national network  
would cost 0.2372 pence and that  
a modern coal-fired station can  
generate energy at a cost of only  
0.3 pence, the margin in favour  
of the Severn project is small—  
too small, perhaps, when we must  
reckon with still lower costs for  
steam-fired stations in the near  
future. Contingencies that can-  
not be foreseen may easily wipe  
out the slim margin of six  
hundredths of a penny per elec-  
trical unit that now stands on  
paper between commercial suc-  
cess and failure if the Severn  
scheme is ever carried out. It is  
a pity that economics must thus  
spoil a romantic picture. There  
is something captivating in the  
thought of London lit by the  
moon as it swims overhead of  
its tides produced in a year by  
unar and solar attraction, of in-  
dustry reared as it were, by the  
same system.

### HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

**King John's Jewels.**  
Mr. John Clarke, the Lincaster-  
shire water diver, who has gained  
fame by locating four bodies in a  
fortnight, is contemplating an even  
more remarkable feat.

He intends to find the secret rest-  
ing-place of King John's jewels,  
which history records as having  
been lost in the Wash nearly 700  
years ago.

Search for this treasure has been  
made from time to time, but the  
seekers have never been rewarded.

**A Button Wanted.**  
In tracing drowned bodies Mr.  
Clarke usually works with the aid  
of a button from the missing per-  
son's clothing and some hazel twigs.  
But in his new venture he will have  
a difficult task to secure a button  
which originally belonged to King  
John.

But Mr. Clarke is confident of  
finding another way of linking up  
his twigs with these long-lost  
jewels.

The diver has been invited by  
Glasgow research specialists to  
spend a week in Glasgow so that  
they can solve the secret of his  
mysterious powers.

**World's Largest Bible.**  
Louis Wyal, a Los Angeles  
carpenter, has spent his leisure  
during the past five years in print-  
ing what he believes to be the  
largest Bible in the world. Each  
page is hand-printed, and the  
finished Bible contains 8,048 pages  
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### Your Daily Smile

**AFTER EFFECTS.**  
DOCTOR: Influenza in itself is  
not dangerous, but it can have  
serious consequences.  
**PATIENT:** So I noticed from  
your bill.

**UNSUCCESSFUL.**  
Smith assured his wife he could  
repair the broken window. He  
took the measurements and went  
to buy the glass.

"Quite a simple job," the hard-  
ware clerk told him. "You simply  
pull out the old glass, fit in the  
new, fill in the putty, and there  
you are."

Shortly after Smith returned to  
the shop.  
"Same size again, I suppose?"  
the clerk greeted him.

**WAITER!**  
He proposed and was rejected.  
Again he proposed and was re-  
jected. Yet again—same result.  
"Never mind," he said deter-  
minedly, "I can wait."  
"Can you really?" she asked  
brightly. "Then, if I ever open a  
restaurant I'll bear you in mind."

**A LIVE WIRE.**  
Chief: That travelling salesman  
of Smith's managed to foist a lot  
of rubbish on us. What can we  
do about it?  
Manager: Couldn't we offer him  
a job here at a higher salary?

**STILL IN PRACTICE.**  
**TAXI CUSTOMER** (to driver):  
You talk a lot, my man.  
**DRIVER:** Well, I'm not married.

**SPARED THE SHOCK.**  
**GRANDMA:** Didn't your father  
know I was coming?  
**JOHNNY:** No, grandma. Mother  
kept it from him—he hasn't been  
feeling well lately.

**Facts You Did Not  
Know.**

Patents have been granted cover-  
ing four new varieties of fruit  
developed by the late Luther Bur-  
bank, three of them plums and the  
fourth a peach.

Of the more than 5,100 motion  
picture houses in England, Scotland,  
Wales and Northern Ireland more  
than 3,100 are wired for sound  
reproduction.

Experiments at the Imperial  
College of Science in London have  
indicated that children can be  
hatched in 24 hours by subjecting  
eggs to compressed air instead of  
the 21 days required in incubators.

It has been demonstrated by a  
United States Bureau of Standards  
scientist that orators are heard  
better by audiences composed of  
men than of women because  
women's lighter clothing reflects  
the sound waves.

## MAN WHO WANTED TO BE CHANCELLOR

## FAILURE OF MR. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN

### THE ISOLATED STATESMAN

(By A. A. B.)

London. As Chamberlain was for 20 years  
the target of all the venomous party  
falsehoods that malice could devise,  
to prove that he was from first to  
last sincere and consistent is of no  
mean service to political history.  
By a casual sidelight Mr. Garvin  
tells us that Chamberlain converted  
himself to Protection in defending  
Free Trade during the Birmingham  
election of 1886 against the Fair  
Trade speeches of his opponent.  
Chamberlain put up a spirited de-  
fence of a dying creed. But the  
deeper he got in the argument the  
more he began to doubt his own  
reasons and the more difficult he  
found it to answer his adversary's  
conclusions.

Mr. Garvin doesn't seem to real-  
ise the psychological importance of  
this revelation. To me it is the  
most startling glimpse into the  
working of a politician's conscience  
that I have ever read.

**Empire Expansion.**  
The defeat of Gladstone's first  
Home Rule Bill by 80, effected by a  
combination of Hartington Whigs,  
Birmingham Radicals, and Tories  
(Mr. Garvin gives 93 Radicals to  
Chamberlain), was followed by the  
formation of Salisbury's second  
Government, of which he offered  
the leadership to Hartington, who  
refused.

The first link in the chain of the  
Unionist Party was forged by  
Randolph Churchill's resignation,  
who forgot Goschen, who nobly and  
unreservedly became a Conservative  
and joined the Carlton Club, to the  
delight of the young Tories. Cham-  
berlain never to his last hour re-  
tracted one of his Radical opinions.  
After ten years of wearisome and  
exasperating Round Tables, at  
which nobody was sincere, and after  
the British working man had given  
the Old Man his second chance,  
which failed, a real Unionist Coali-  
tion Government was formed, in  
which the Duke of Devonshire ac-  
cepted office and Chamberlain be-  
came Colonial Secretary—at last!

But he was a different man from  
the Radical rebel who overthrew  
Gladstone. In the 10 years that  
intervened between '86 and '98  
Chamberlain had become an im-  
perialist, and the conversion was  
brought about, not by reading or  
arguing, but by travelling.

He went to Egypt in the last days  
of Cromer and was delighted with  
everything he saw. He returned  
convinced that we should stay in  
Egypt. Canada and the States  
(where he found his third wife) he  
was naturally enchanted with, and  
he was disgusted with an anti-  
imperialist speech of Sir Hercules  
Robinson. So behold the Radical  
Little Englander returned an im-  
perialist, and crypto-Protectionist!

It was these new views of Empire  
expansion that made him the idol of  
the new democracy, for the working  
man of the large towns was bored  
to death with the Irish question.  
While poor Randolph Churchill was  
fading in the grip of mortal disease,  
Chamberlain was leaping into his  
place.

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### News In Brief.

A meeting of the Hong Kong  
Practical Psychology Club, will be  
held at Lane Crawford's Restau-  
rant on Friday, May 26, at 6 p.m.  
The speaker will be Mr. Victor K.  
Kwong, formerly of the San Fran-  
cisco Bulletin. The subject of the  
talk will be "Some Reflections on  
American Newspaper Psychology."

### Personal Para.

Dr. J. H. Montgomery, the  
Medical Superintendent of the  
Matilda Hospital, left on furlough  
by the Empress of Russia to-day.  
During his absence from the Colony  
Dr. C. W. Sanders of Vancouver,  
B.C. has been appointed Acting  
Medical Superintendent.

### COURTS CLOSED TO-DAY

To-day being a Government Hol-  
iday, the Courts were not in session.  
All Police Offices for the transac-  
tion of public business were also  
closed.



## EMPIRE FAIR OPENED

COLOURFUL  
CEREMONY AT  
THE PENINSULA

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The party proceeded between the ranks of a Guard of Honour of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, to the first floor of the Hotel.

On the dias at the opening ceremony, the Chairman had on his right, His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Liu Yun-koy, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, Mr. E. G. Jamieson, C.B.E., H.B.M. Acting Consul General at Canton, Mr. J. A. Tonkin, representing the Department of Commerce of the Australian Commonwealth Government, and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, J.P., a Vice-Chairman and principal organizer of the Fair.

On the left of the Chairman was Lady Peel, Mr. Liu Chi-wen, Mayor of Canton, Major B. E. Duclos, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, Mr. S. T. Williamson, Hon. Agent for New Zealand, and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., a Vice-Chairman of the Fair Committee.

A tableau representing Britannia was staged behind the dias. Those present at the opening of the Fair were, His Excellency the G.O.C., and Mrs. Borrett, His Honour the Chief Justice and Mrs. Wood, Members of the Consular Body, Canton Officials, the Commodore and Mrs. Marwick, Members of the Executive Council, Government Officials, members of the General Committee of the Fair and exhibitors.

The Chairman of the Fair Committee, Mr. J. J. Paterson welcomed His Excellency the Governor.

## OFFICIAL LUNCHEON.

At the conclusion of the opening ceremony, the Chairman entertained His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel, and a large number of official guests to luncheon at the Roof Garden of the Hotel.

A message from The Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister, Department of Trade and Commerce, Government of Canada, was read by Major B. E. Duclos, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong. It is given below:

## CANADA'S MESSAGE.

The Dominion of Canada cordially associates herself with the Crown Colony of Hong Kong by participating in the British Empire Fair which is opening to-day.

"It is gratifying to the Canadian Government, and particularly to myself, as Minister of Trade and Commerce, that Canada has been accorded such excellent facilities for thus displaying before the citizens of Hong Kong and South China samples of her natural products and thereby extending inter-imperial trade manufactures, with a view to furthering these two sections of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

"It is particularly fitting that this Fair should open on May 24th, the Empire, the late Queen Victoria's anniversary of the 'Mother of the and a day celebrated throughout the British Empire as indicative of its solidarity and its devotion to the Crown.

"The Crown Colony of Hong Kong and the Dominion of Canada have much in common. It was in 1841, during the reign of Queen Victoria, that Hong Kong became a Crown Colony and began to flourish under the Union Jack. It was in the same year that Canada had its first democratic government.

"Direct steamship services between Canada and Hong Kong provide a means of greatly increasing the volume of trade between, and linking closer together, these at one time distant parts of the Empire.

Their products and manufactures are to a large extent complementary, and it is to the advantage of both countries that this trade should be considerably increased. Hong Kong is at the spearhead of a large and practically unexploited trade territory which will, when the existing difficulties have passed, provide Hong Kong with a market for many of Canada's products and which in return may provide many of Canada's wants.

## DISTRIBUTION CENTRE.

It is natural that Hong Kong, due to its location and the excellent facilities offered by its harbour, should serve as a centre of distribution for Canadian products which will eventually be consumed in the Southern part of the Chinese Republic. It is our hope that the Importers of Hong Kong will give the fullest consideration to the opportunities offered to them by Canadian products.

It was with the object of promoting

greater trade between Canada and this territory that the appointment of a Trade Commissioner was made in 1929. It is to the advantage of Hong Kong Importers to prepare for the future. Canada can provide them with many of their requirements and it is to their advantage to cultivate a trading partnership with that Dominion.

I congratulate the Chairman and Committee on their efforts to make the Fair a success and feel sure that they will be fully justified by the results obtained.

## NEW ZEALAND MESSAGE.

The following message from Mr. Masters, Minister of Industries and Commerce, Dominion of New Zealand, was read by Mr. S. T. Williamson, Hon. Agent for New Zealand:

Please express the best wishes of the New Zealand Government for the success of the Empire Fair, and appreciation of the efforts of the Government, Committees, Hotel Company, and others, to further Empire trade. Also express our thanks for the assistance rendered to New Zealand in this connection.

## AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S APPRECIATION.

Mr. J. A. Tonkin delivered the following message from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth Government of Australia:

On behalf of the Commonwealth Government, I wish Empire Fair every success and hope it will mark opening of many new avenues inter-Empire trade. Appreciation is expressed to the Government of Hong Kong for the encouragement and assistance in launching the Fair, and to the Fair Committee, the Hotel Company, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, and those organisations and associations whose activities have been responsible for this display of Empire products.

Your Fair will be successful and beneficial to all British and Dominion participants—Lyons, Prime Minister. Thanks are also due to the Fair Committee—the Hotel Company—Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, and those Organisations and Associations whose activities have been responsible for such a magnificent display of Empire products.

The Fair will be successful, and it is hoped that as a result, trade in Empire products will receive a well merited stimulus, to the benefit of all British and Dominion participants.

## The Governor's Speech.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., said:

Mr. Paterson, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am very pleased to have the privilege to-day of opening the second Empire Products Fair held in Hong Kong. As you know, the idea was started last year as the outcome of a letter addressed by Mrs. Amery, the wife of a former Secretary of State for the Colonies, to my wife, in which among other things she suggested an all-British food day.

The proposal to have an Empire Products Fair was taken up with great enthusiasm. My wife assisted in the preliminary stages, but to our regret we were unable to be here for the Fair itself. We were, however, greatly interested in the accounts which were sent to us.

There was no doubt that it was a great triumph, and I take this opportunity of congratulating all those who helped to achieve that success. It was indeed so successful that it was quite rightly decided that another Fair should be held this year, and there is no need for me to say that the decision has been amply justified, and that this year's Fair will greatly surpass that of last year.

Such Fairs have been instituted in many parts of the Empire. The British Industries Fair was started in a modest way in London soon after the War, and has grown to be of the greatest commercial value.

Another Fair of the same kind has been held at Birmingham for the last 14 years and yearly gains increasing popularity. Many of the Colonies participate in that held in London, filling one of the latest notable additions; and I hope that at no distant date Hong Kong will be able to participate, showing the people at home that this Colony is developing valuable industries of its own.

Hong Kong Industries. In a recent edition of a very interesting journal, called 'The Crown Colonist', I noticed 'The Fair' showing 'the various sources of Empire products' that 'Hong Kong was marked 'local industries and trans-shipment for China'.

At the same time I must say that I think it is time that we had something in the nature of a British Trade Commissioner here to represent the Home Country and to those parts of the Empire which are not at present represented, and I am in hopes that such an appointment may materialize in the not far distant future. Major Duclos, the Canadian Trade Commissioner, has been with us for some time, and I congratulate him on the success which he has made of his appointment and trans-shipment for China.

## EMPIRE DAY.

London Message To  
The Colony.

## ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY'S GREETING.

A congratulatory message from the Royal Empire Society, London, to Hong Kong, has been received here by Sir Henry Pollock, the local Hon. Corresponding Secretary.

The message reads:—  
"On Empire Day the Chairman and Council of the Royal Empire Society send greetings to all His Majesty's subjects, and congratulate them on the stern and unswerving courage with which, 'alike through their respective Governments' action and their individual self-denial, they have inspired the world in its efforts to recover the road to its lost prosperity."

"The Council are satisfied that in the achievements and principles of Ottawa the British peoples have taken a first step towards the salvation of themselves by their exertions and the world by their example."

A few years ago the words 'local industries' would probably not have been written, Hong Kong then being considered very little more than a mere transit port. Industries are now growing up in this Colony, one of the most notable perhaps of recent ventures being the brewing of beer!

Only recently I was informed by the head of a well known Hong Kong firm that they had a very large order from England for rubber-soled shoes manufactured here.

These Fairs are great factors in the commercial life of the Empire, and help to make us realise what our great Empire is capable of producing. It is wonderful how little many of us know of its great resources. I had an opportunity of visiting the Fair in London in 1928, and I must confess to great surprise at many of the things I saw there.

## ACTUAL TRADING FAILURE.

The British Empire has held a high position in trade, but owing perhaps to over-confidence has tended to sink in a slough of conservatism, in spite of considerable technical advances in industry. Where we really have to some extent failed is in actual trading.

We have been inclined to stand on a past reputation of the excellence of our goods, which has always been high, and have been extraordinarily unwilling to investigate changes in demand.

Suppliers seem to hold the view that they should decide on what the consumer should take, ignoring the adage that he who pays the piper has the right to call the tune. This tendency, as far as the Far East is concerned, was recognised by the Economic Mission which visited the Far East over two years ago, and also by Mr. Beale, now Commercial Counsellor to our Peking Legation, who drew attention to it in a report which he wrote on trade in Malaya some years ago, when I first met him there.

There is no doubt that many of our large suppliers have followed fortuitous methods, and have not appreciated the necessity of studying their markets. I think that I can truthfully say that great improvements have now been made in our methods. The quality of our goods has always been of a high standard and with a better realisation of the special needs and desires of our customers I feel that there is every prospect of a considerable increase in trade.

If however suppliers wish to achieve a maximum of success I think that they should employ what I might term special Trade Commissioners of their own to carry out a continuous investigation of the needs and desires of those whose custom they wish to retain and develop.

## Proposed British Trade Commissioner.

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## To-Day's Short Story

THE  
SCREAMING  
SKULLBy F. Marion  
Crawford.

## THE STORY SO FAR.

CAPTAIN BRADDOCK, a retired sailor, is telling the story to a guest in his Cornish cottage. He has on his conscience the death, years ago, of Mrs. Pratt, wife of Dr. Luke Pratt. He suspects that Dr. Pratt murdered his wife by pouring lead into her, in the manner of a murder described by Captain Braddock to the Pratt. Later Dr. Pratt was found dead on the beach, with teeth marks on his throat, and near by was a handbox that had belonged to his wife from which a skull had rolled out. The skull, which may have been Mrs. Pratt's, is now kept by the captain in the handbox in a bedroom cupboard, where, he says, "it wants to be kept." It screams at nights and terrifies Captain Braddock, who has just described how, one night, he threw the handbox out of the window. The skull inexplicably returned, rolling into the house. In the morning the handbox was found hanging on a hedge outside the cottage.

It had caught on the twigs by the string, and the lid had fallen off and was lying on the ground below it. That shows that it did not open till it was well over; and if it had not opened as soon as it left my hand, what was inside it must have gone beyond the road, too.

That's all. I took the box upstairs to the cupboard, and put the skull back and locked it up. When the girl brought me my breakfast she was sorry, but that she must go, and she did not care if she lost her month's wages. I looked at her, and her face was a sort of greenish, yellowish white. I pretended to be surprised, and asked what was the matter; but that was of no use, for she just turned on me and wanted to know whether I meant to stay in a haunted house, and how long I expected to live if I did, for though she noticed I was sometimes a little hard of hearing, she did not believe that even I could sleep through those screams again—and if I could, why had I been moving about the house and shutting the front door, between three and four in the morning? There was no answering that, since she had heard me, so off she went, and I was left to myself. I went

BRITISH TRADE  
WITH ICELANDCommercial Agreement  
Signed.

## COAL MARKET EXTENDED

London, To-day.

The commercial agreement between the United Kingdom and Iceland, the text of which has now been issued, follows on similar lines to those recently concluded with Norway and Denmark.

Iceland undertakes that import duties on certain classes of goods in which the United Kingdom is interested will not exceed the rates specified in the schedules. Some of these include *ad valorem* duty, which at present is 15 per cent., and in certain cases, including cotton, linen and artificial silk this has been reduced to 10 per cent.

The United Kingdom undertakes not to increase the existing import duty of 10 per cent. *ad valorem* on fresh or salted fish from Iceland.

In the event of quantitative regulation being applied, not less than 354,000 cwt. a year of fresh and wet salted fish, of which not less than 104,000 cwt. must be wet salted fish, will be admitted by the United Kingdom.

Provision of equitable treatment of chilled and frozen mutton and lamb from Iceland has also been given.

—British Wireless Service.

TRADE PREFERENCE  
IN EMPIRE.

## West Africa's Case.

London, To-day.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman yesterday explained in a Parliamentary answer, that the recent notice of the withdrawal of the British territories of West Africa from the Anglo-Japanese treaty, was given in view of the fact that an Imperial Preference could not be introduced throughout these territories owing to certain international obligations. "It was not intended," he said, "to take similar action at present in respect of other Colonies—British Wireless Service."

down to the village during the morning and found a woman who was willing to come and do the little work there is and cook my dinner, on condition that she might go home every night. As for me, I moved downstairs that day, and I have never tried to sleep in the best bedroom since. After a little while I got a brace of middle-aged Scotch servants from London, and things were quiet enough for a long time. I began by telling them that the house was in a very exposed position, and that the wind whistled round it a good deal in the autumn and winter, which had given it a bad name in the village, the Cornish people being inclined to superstition and telling ghost stories.

They stayed with me several months, and while they were in the house we had peace and quiet. One of them is here again now, but she went away with her sister within the year. This one—she was the cook—married the sexton, who works in my garden.

He's a sober, silent sort of fellow, who minds his own business, and he was a widower when I came here—Trehearne is his name, James Trehearne. The Scotch sisters would not admit that there was anything wrong about the house, but when November came they gave me warning that they

## TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's story will be the concluding chapter of "The Screaming Skull," by F. Marion Crawford.

were going, on the ground that the chapel was such a long walk from here, being in the next parish, and that they could not possibly go to our church. But the younger one came back in the spring, and as soon as the banns could be published, she was married to James Trehearne by the vicar, and she seems to have had no scruples about hearing him preach since then. I'm quite satisfied, if she is. The couple live in a small cottage that looks over the churchyard.

It was James Trehearne who buried poor Mrs. Pratt, and her husband after her in the same grave, and it's not far from the back of his cottage. He knows something; I'm quite sure that he does, by his manner.

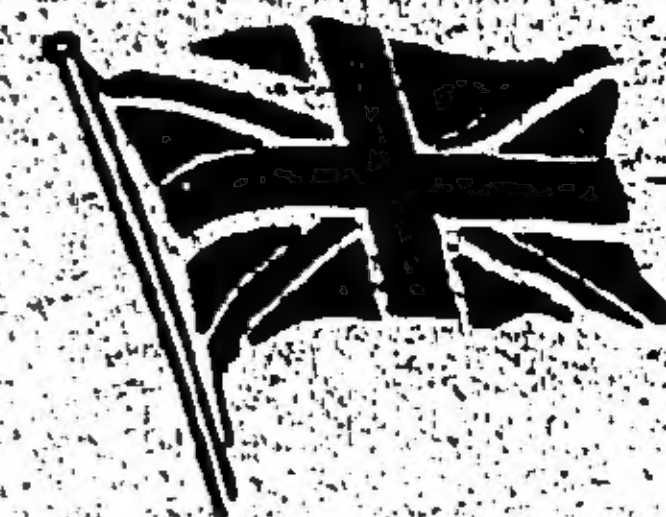
Yes, I'm alone in the house at night now, for Mrs. Trehearne does everything herself, and when I have a friend the sexton's niece comes in to wait on the table. He takes his wife home every evening in winter, but in summer, when there's light, she goes by herself.

You think you would like to see the skull? I've no objection. There's no reason why you shouldn't have a look at it, and you never saw a more perfect one in your life, except that there are two front teeth missing in the lower jaw.

Oh yes—I had not told you about the jaw yet. Trehearne found it in the garden last spring when he was digging a pit for a new asparagus bed. You know we make asparagus beds six or eight feet deep here. Yes, yes—I had forgotten to tell you that. He was digging straight down, just as he digs a grave.

Trehearne had got down about three feet when he cut into a mass of white lime in the side of the trench. He had noticed that the earth was a little looser there, though he says it had not been disturbed for a number of years. I suppose he thought that even old lime might not be good for asparagus, so he broke it out and threw it up. It was pretty hard, he says, in bigish lumps, and out of sheer force of habit he cracked the lumps with his spade as they lay outside the pit beside him. The jawbone of a skull dropped out of one of the pieces. He thinks he must have knocked out the two front teeth in breaking up the lime, but he did not see them anywhere. He's a very experienced man in such things, as you may imagine, and he said at once that the jaw had probably belonged to a young woman, and that the teeth had been complete when she died. He brought it to me, and asked me if I wanted to keep it. I said not, he said he would drop it into the next grave he made in the churchyard, as he supposed it was a

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Horne and Davies Weak  
Link in "C" Team.

"C" Company of the Borderers caused a surprise when they beat "A" Company by 6 sets to 3 in a struggle that produced two sets which went to 15-13 and 10-8.

C.Q.M.S. Horne and L/Cpl. Davies proved to be the weak link in the "C" team, losing all their matches, though twice they succeeded in running their opponents to scores of 8-6.

This was "C" Company's first win in three games and "A" Company's second defeat in three encounters.

Capt. Tucker and Lt. Yates ("C" S.W.B.)—

beat Lt. Martin and Sgt. Pallister ..... 6-4

beat Cpl. Evans and L/Cpl. Andrews ..... 15-13

beat L/Cpl. Duncan and L/Cpl. Airy ..... 6-0

C. Q. M. S.—Horne and L/Cpl. Davies ("C" S.W.B.)—

lost to Martin and Pallister .. 6-8

lost to Evans and Andrews .. 3-6

lost to Duncan and Airy ..... 6-8

Cpt. Taylor and Pte (30) Thomas ("C" S.W.B.)—

beat Martin and Pallister ..... 6-2

beat Evans and Andrews ..... 6-4

beat Duncan and Airy ..... 10-8

ENGINEERS PROVE  
TRIUMPHANT

Paul and Savell Win All  
Three Sets

THE Royal Engineers and Services retained their 100 per cent. record when they beat the Royal Army Pay Corps by 7 sets to 2. This was their fourth triumph of the season—they have dropped only 3 sets in 36.

S. M. Paul and S/Sgt. Savell, the latter of whom is likely to pair with C/Sgt. Jarman in the Army team for the Colony Tennis League, won all their three sets in convincing style, though Q. M. S. Warman and Sgt. Preslin extended them to 7-5.

The Pay Corps, who have played two games to date, have yet to record their first points.

Detailed scores:—

Capt. du Chegne and Lt. Cooper (R. E. & S.)—

lost to Q. M. S. Oldfield and Sgt. Wilson ..... 6-7

beat Q. M. S. Warman and Sgt. Preslin ..... 6-4

beat S/Sgt. Ascot and Sgt. Taylor ..... 6-3

S. M. Paul and S/Sgt. Savell (R. E. & S.)—

beat Oldfield and Wilson ..... 6-3

beat Warman and Preslin ..... 7-5

beat Ascot and Taylor ..... 6-2

Q. M. S. Blackler and Q. M. S. Shellito (R. E. & S.)—

lost to Oldfield and Wilson ..... 2-6

beat Warman and Preslin ..... 6-1

beat Ascot and Taylor ..... 6-2

"A" LINCOLNS WIN BY  
CLEAN SWEEP

100 Per Cent. Maintained in  
Kowloon Section

"A" Company, Lincoln, present leaders in the Kowloon section, recorded a clean sweep triumph over "D" Company of the same regiments, their opponents securing only five games in against their 54.

Cpl. Berriman and L/Cpl. Ridley won all their three sets without the loss of a single game.

Detailed scores:—

L/Cpl. Heath and Pte. Matthews ("D" Linca.)—

lost to Pte. Harper and Cpl. Clarke ..... 0-6

lost to Cpl. Bett and Sgt. Ash ..... 2-6

lost to Cpl. Berriman and L/Cpl. Ridley ..... 0-6

Cpl. Fellows and Pte. Potter ("D" Linca.)—

lost to Harper and Clarke ..... 1-6

lost to Bett and Ash ..... 1-6

lost to Berriman and Ridley ..... 0-6

Cpl. Shindle and Cpl. Pask ("D" Linca.)—

lost to Harper and Clarke ..... 0-6

lost to Bett and Ash ..... 1-6

lost to Berriman and Ridley ..... 0-6

20TH BATTERY MAINTAIN  
100 PER CENT.

Thoyts and Williams Win All  
Their Sets

THE 20th Heavy Battery, recorded their third successive win in the Kowloon section when they beat "B" Company, Lincoln, by 6 sets to 3 at Stonecutters.

Major Thoyts and Lt. Williams, the Lincoln team's No. 1 pair, had the distinction of winning all their sets, though they were twice within an ace of defeat.

The Battery have won all their three games, and share a 100 per cent. record with "A" Company, Lincoln and H. Q. Lincoln. "B" Company suffered their third defeat.

Detailed scores:—

Sgt. Evans and Sgt. Cross (20th R.A.)—

lost to Maj. Thoyts and Lt. Williams ..... 6-7

beat Cpl. McGuinness and Pte. Lindley ..... 6-1

beat Sgt. Malpas and Pte. Barnsbury ..... 6-2

B. Q. M. S. Frances and Bdr. Glendenning (20th R.A.)—

lost to Thoyts and Williams ..... 1-6

beat McGuinness and Lindley ..... 6-4

beat Malpas and Barnsbury ..... 6-4

L/Bdr. Combe and L/Bdr. Foster (20th R.A.)—

lost to Thoyts and Williams ..... 5-7

beat McGuinness and Lindley ..... 6-1

beat Malpas and Barnsbury ..... 7-5

THE TABLES TO DATE.  
KOWLOON SECTION

	P.	W.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
"A" Lincoln	4	4	0	25	11	6
"H.Q." Lincoln	3	3	0	27	0	6
20th R.A.	3	3	0	21	6	6
H.K.S.R.A.	1	1	1	13	5	3
24th R.A.	2	1	1	11	7	2
R.C.S.	2	1	1	8	10	3
"B" Lincoln	3	0	3	6	21	0
"C" Lincoln	3	0	3	2	25	0
"D" Lincoln	4	0	4	4	32	0

## HONG KONG SECTION

	P.	W.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
R.E. & S.	4	4	0	23	3	8
"B" Borderers	2	2	0	11	7	4
R.A.M.C.	4	2	2	22	11	4
"D" Borderers	1	1	0	8	1	2
"C" Borderers	3	1	2	8	19	2
"H.Q." Borderers	1	1	0	8	1	2
R.A.O.C.	2	1	1	8	10	2
40th R.E.	2	1	1	10	8	2
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## SUNDAY'S PAIRINGS.

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8.30 H. T. Buxton, J. Pooler.	8.40 A. Andrews, J. McCaw.
8.38 J. MacKnight, S. MacNider.	8.42 F. Booker, A. T. Bracey.
8.40 A. Tindle, S. Jex.	8.50 G. Miller, H. Hampton.
8.54 L. Cave, A. N. Osher.	8.58 A. Eastman, T. Seddon.
9.02 W. Kerr, F. Miners.	9.06 J. J. King, S. Hart.
9.10 D. C. Wilson, W. Taylor.	9.14 J. G. Charlton, A. Urquhart.
9.16 J. J. Dorling, W. M. Groves.	9.22 H. Hill, W. L. Ramsey.
9.26 W. A. Stewart, W. J. Fulker.	9.30 A. I. King, H. H. Mundy.

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## TO-DAY

Lawn Bowls—Open Championship  
Hall v. J. S. Houghton  
W. S. Drake v. J. Chadwick

(Racquets green, 5.20 p.m.)

## TO-MORROW

Billiards—Garrison League  
Small Units v. Lincoln  
Royal Engineers v. R.A.M.C.

S.W.B. v. Royal Artillery

Lawn Bowls—Open Championship  
J. Fraser v. J. H. Jack

G. H. Sherriff v. A. S. Gomes

(Kowloon C.C. green, 5.20 p.m.)

Lawn Tennis—H.K. Area League

Kowloon Section  
H.K. S.R.A. v. 20th Battery, R.A.

Hong Kong Section  
R.A.S.C. v. 12th Battery, R.A.

## FRIDAY

Billiards—Soldiers' Club Tournament  
H.K. Battery, R.A. v. Prison officers

(8 p.m.)

Lawn Tennis—H.K. Area League  
Kowloon Section  
"A" Company, Lincoln v. Signals

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R.A.O.C. v. "C" Company, S.W.B.

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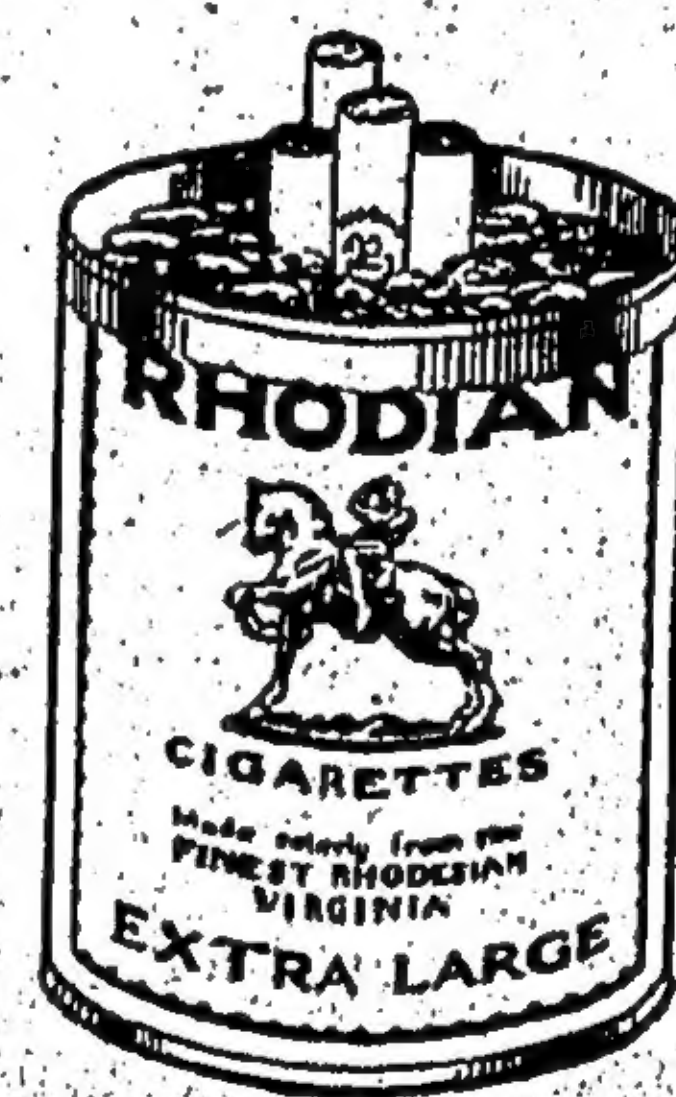
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## The Screaming Skull

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Christian jaw, and ought to have decent burial, wherever the rest of the body might be. I told him that doctors often put bones into quicklime to whiten them nicely, and that I supposed Dr. Pratt had once had a little lime pit in the garden for that purpose, and had forgotten the jaw. Trehearn looked at me quietly.

"Maybe it fitted that skull that used to be in the cupboard upstairs, sir," he said. "Maybe Dr. Pratt had put the skull into the lime to clean it, or something, and when he took it out he left the lower jaw behind. There's some human hair sticking in the lime, sir."

If he did not suspect something, why in the world should he have suggested that the jaw might fit the skull? Besides, it did. That's proof that he knows more than he cares to tell. Do you suppose he looked before she was buried? Or perhaps—when he buried Luke in the same grave—

Well, well, it's of no use to go over that, is it? I said I would keep the jaw with the skull, and I took it upstairs, and fitted it into its place. There's not the slightest doubt about the two belonging together, and together they are.

Trehearn knows several things. We were talking about plastering the kitchen a while ago, and he happened to remember that it had not been done since the very week when Mrs. Pratt died. He did not say that the mason must have left some lime on the place, but he thought it, and that it was the very same lime he had found in the asparagus pit. He knows a lot. Trehearn is one of your silent beggars who can put two and two together. That grave is very near the back of his cottage, and he's one of the quickest men with a spade I ever saw. If he wanted to know the truth, he could, and no one else would ever be the wiser unless he chose to tell.

What is awful to think of is Luke's deliberation, if he did it: his cool certainty that no one would find him out; above all, his nerve, for that sometimes think it's bad enough to live in the place where it was done, if it really was done. I always put in the condition, you see, for the sake of his memory, and a little bit for my own sake, too.

I'll go upstairs and fetch the box in a minute. Let me light my pipe; there's no hurry! We had supper early, and it's only half-past nine o'clock. A thing happened that made me start a little when I found that the jaw fitted exactly. Just when I had set the jaw in its place under the skull the teeth closed sharply on my finger. It felt exactly as if it were biting me hard, and I confess that I jumped before I realized that I had been pressing the jaw and the skull together with my other hand. I assure you I was not at all nervous. It was broad daylight, too, and a fine day, and the sun was streaming into the best bedroom. It would have been absurd to be nervous, and it was only a quick mistaken impression, but it really made me feel queer. Somehow it made me think of the funny verdict of the coroner's jury on Luke's death, by the hand or teeth of some person or animal unknown. Ever since that I've wished I had seen those marks on his forehead, though the lower jaw was missing, then.

I can feel it now. It was exactly as if it were alive and were trying to bite me. It would if it could, for I know it hates me, poor thing! Do you suppose that what rattles about inside is really a bit of lead? Well, I'll get the box down presently, and if whatever it is happens to drop out of your hands, that's your affair. If it's only a clod of earth or pebble, the whole matter would be of my mind, and I don't believe I should ever think of the skull again; but

somehow I cannot bring myself to shake out the bit of hard stuff myself. The mere idea that it may be lead makes me unconsciously uncomfortable, yet I've got the conviction that I shall know before long. I shall certainly know. I'm sure Trehearn knows.

I'll go upstairs now and get it. What? You had better go with me! Ha, ha! do you think I'm afraid of a bandbox and a noise? Nonsense! Both the candle, it won't light! As if the ridiculous thing understood what it's wanted for! Look at that what the third match. They light fast enough for my pipe. There, do you see? It's a fresh box, just out of the tin safe where I keep the supply on account of the dampness. Oh, you think the wick of the candle may be damp, do you? All right, I'll light the beauty thing in the fire.

That won't go out, at all events. Yes, it splutters a bit, but it will keep lighted now. It burns just like any other candle, doesn't it?

You think I had better leave you the candle and take the lamp, do you? I don't like to carry lamps about, that's the truth. I never dropped one in my life, but I have always thought I might. You may say I'm a fool, that I should mean to let you off with less than that, but that was the draught from the leaky window on the landing. Did you hear anything? Yes, there was another scream. And I pale, do you say? That's nothing. My heart is a little queer sometimes, and I went upstairs too fast.

Wherever that shriek came from, it was not from the skull, for I had the box in my hand when I heard the noise, and here it is now, so we have proved definitely that the screams are produced by something else. I've no doubt I shall find out some day what makes them. Some crevice in the wall, of course, or a crack in a chimney, or a chink in the frame of a window. That's the way all ghost stories end in real life. Do you know, I'm jolly glad I thought of going up and bringing it down for you to see, for that last shriek settles the question.

To think that I should have been so weak as to fancy that the poor skull could really cry out like a living thing! Now I'll open the box, and we'll take it out and look at it under the bright light. It's rather awful to think that the poor lady used to sit there, in your chair, evening after evening, in just the same light, isn't it? But then—I've made up my mind that it's all rubbish from beginning to end, and that it's just an old skull that Luke had when he was a student; and perhaps he put it into the lime merely to whiten it, and could not find the jaw.

I made a seal on the string, you see, after I had put the jaw in its place, and I wrote on the cover. There's the old white label on it still, from the milliner's, addressed to Mrs. Pratt when the hat was sent to her, and as there was room I wrote on the edge: "A skull, once the property of the late Luke Pratt, M.D." I don't quite know why I wrote that, unless it was with the idea of explaining how the thing happened to be in my possession. I cannot help wondering sometimes what sort of hat it was that came in the bandbox. What colour was it, do you think?

Was it a gay spring hat with a bobbing feather, and very much to the fashion? Or was it a plain, sensible hat, should hold the head that wore it?—perhaps. No—we made up our minds that it just came from the milliner in London where Luke did his time. It's far better to look at it in that light, isn't it? There's no more connection between that skull and poor Mrs. Pratt than there was between my story about the lead and the Good Lord! Take the lamp, and don't let it go out, if you can help it—I'll have the window fastened again in a second—I say, what a gale! There, it's out! I told you so! Never mind, there's the firelight—I've got the window shut—the bolt was only half down. Was the box blown off the table? What the deuce is it? There! That won't open again, for I've put up the bar. Good dodge, an old-fashioned bar—there's nothing like it. Now, you find the bandbox while I light the lamp. Confound those wretched matches! Yes, a pipe will light better than matches in the fire. I hadn't thought of it—thank you—there we are again. Now, where's the box?

Yes, put it back on the table, and we'll open it. That's the first time I have ever known the wind so burst that window open, but it was partly careless of my part when I last shut it. Yes, I heard the scream. It seemed to go round the house before it broke in at the window, and it proves that it's always been the wind and nothing else, doesn't it? When it was not the wind it was my imagination. I've always been a very imaginative man.

I'll have a look at the skeleton now. It's a fine specimen, since you're taking up your gun. My George, that's right! The jaw! Light a fresh pipe, now, and then we'll open the box, for we've got to find that last scream together with the skull here on the table between us, for a thing cannot possibly be in two places at the same time, and he told

me that I cannot bring myself to shake out the bit of hard stuff myself. The mere idea that it may be lead makes me unconsciously uncomfortable, yet I've got the conviction that I shall know before long. I shall certainly know. I'm sure Trehearn knows.

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It's of no use for the spring, for I've fastened it to the box, so I'll just break the wax and undo this knot, and afterwards we'll seal it up again. You see, I like to feel that the thing is safe in its place, and that nobody can take it out.

You see, I've managed it without breaking the string, though when I fastened the spring, expected to open the bandbox again, and then I found the lid closed off. Really enough! There! Now look!

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MANTUA	11,000	1st June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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NANKIN	7,000	4th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	6,800	18th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	15th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	8,000	15th June	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
SIRDHANA	7,000	29th June	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPURA	17,000	29th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	7,000	6th July	Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ama.
*BANGALORE	6,800	12th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	12th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	12th July	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANCHI	17,000	27th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	27th July	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA	8,000	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ama.
*BHUTAN	6,000	9th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
CARTHAGE	14,000	10th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	24th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	6,800	31st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	14,000	7th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	11,000	21st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	5,500	4th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	5th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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manufactured articles produced in  
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Empire.

A list of the exhibitors in this  
section is given hereunder, and as  
it is impossible to adequately de-  
scribe the various commodities be-  
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that everybody make a point of  
visiting this section.

### EXHIBITORS—EMPIRE FAIR

#### LOCAL

A. B. Moulder & Co., General Mer-  
chandise.

Luhning & Smith, Butter & Milk  
Products.

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Merchandise.

Caleb Cheong, Woollen Goods,  
Foodstuffs.

Wing Young & Co., Fruit & Veget-  
ables.

McWilliam & Sons, Flour.

S. Wing Bros, Flour.

Chinn Dispensary, Fly-spray—Buz-  
Brand.

Harry Wicking & Co., Salt, Floor-  
polish, Metal-polish.

P. E. Scrivener & Co., Foodstuffs,  
Batteries, Wines, Brushware.

Gilman & Co., Ltd., Wines &  
Spirits, Hams & Bacon, Flour.

Australian Traders Agency, General  
Merchandise.

New Zealand China Trading Co.,  
General Merchandise.

Lane, Crawford Ltd., Cakes & Bread  
made from Empire Products.

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Tasmanian  
Clider.

Him Ly, Flour.

Dodwell & Co., Flour.

AUSTRALIAN

C. Waldman—Brisbane, Honey.

Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service

—Brisbane, Queensland Timbers.

Dept. of Agriculture, Tobacco Settle-  
ment, Beerburum — Queensland.

Tobacco Leaf.

Darling Downs Co-operative Bacon  
Association, Ltd., Toowoomba.

Queensland, Canned meat, etc.

Toowoomba — Queensland, Canned  
meat, etc.

Penfold's—Sydney, Penfold's wines.

Riverstone—Sydney, Canned meats  
(assorted).

James Barnes—Sydney, Canned  
meats.

Dept. of Commerce—Sydney, Meats,  
sauces, canned vegetables.

Rossella Preserving Co.—Melbourne,  
Canned fruits.

D. & J. Fowler Ltd.—Melbourne,  
Tomato sauce, etc.

Connell & Co., Pty Ltd.—Australia,  
Assorted wines.

Cole & Sons, Pty Ltd.—Australia,  
Assorted wines.

Carlton & United Brewery—Mel-  
bourne, Advertising matter.

Trade Standards F.A.Q.—Australia,  
Wheat, Oats, Maize.

F. Longmore—Melbourne, Assorted  
products.

W. J. & F. Barnes & Co., Ltd.—Aus-  
tralia, Honey.

Ardena Co.-Op. Co., Ltd.—Australia,  
Canned fruits.

Dept. of Commerce — Melbourne,  
Dried fruits.

Dept. of Commerce — Melbourne,  
Sheaves of wheat.

Stromberg-Carlson Ltd. — Sydney,  
Radio goods.

### NEW ZEALAND

Grey & Menzies Ltd.—Auckland,  
Cordials, etc.

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& soup.

### MAN WHO WANTED TO BE CHANCELLOR.

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#### Undervaluation.

English party leaders always  
undervalue those who thwart them,  
and they always decline to take  
their party into their confidence  
when they have decided to make  
great changes of policy. Why did  
Mr. Gladstone undervalue Cham-  
berlain, as later Balfour undervalue  
Winston Churchill, and as later  
again Asquith undervalue Bonar  
Law? Sheer self-sufficiency and  
pride, or arrogance, or whatever  
you like to call it—conceit, for  
short.

When Charles Fox was meditat-  
ing the exchange of Toryism for  
Jacobinism, Burke wrote him a let-  
ter full of deep and wise warning  
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against precipitate change of policy  
some new victim for taxation.

"The Life of Joseph Chamber-  
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## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will  
be broadcast to-day from the Hong  
Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W.  
on a wavelength of 355 metres (845  
K.C.'s):—

12.5-12.45 p.m. (approx.)—A relay  
from the Peninsula Hotel of the  
Speech by The Hon. Mr. J. J. Pat-  
erson, Chairman of the British Empire  
Exhibition.

A message from the Canadian Minis-  
ter will be read by the Canadian  
Government Trade Commissioner,  
Major V. E. Duxon. A telegram  
from the Minister of Commerce and  
Industries in New Zealand, will be  
read by Mr. S. T. Williamson, Hon.  
Agent for the New Zealand Govern-  
ment in Hong Kong.

A Speech by H. E. The Governor,  
Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.,  
who has been requested to declare the  
Fair open.

12.45 p.m. (approx.)—European  
programme of Columbia & Regal re-  
cords.

1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Re-  
port.

1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong  
Hotel Orchestra by courtesy of the  
Management. (During the intervals  
recorded music will be broadcast from  
the Studio).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

Studio Concert To-Night & Relay  
From Davenport.

4.30 p.m.—Chinese recorded pro-  
gramme.

6.45 p.m.—Children's programme.

6.15-7 p.m.—Chinese Recorded pro-  
gramme.

7.11 p.m.—European programme.

7.18 p.m.—Nocturnes (Debussy).

Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts  
du Conservatoire Paris, conducted  
by Philippe Gaubert 9655-9657.

7.18-8.30 p.m.—Variety.

Song—

The Shadow of a Rose

Marie Burke (Soprano) DB109.

Xylophone Solo—

Dancing Butterfly

Organ Solo—

Rudy Starita DB120.

Moonsbeams Dance

Terence Casey DB260.

Vocal Duet—

The Girl Across the Way

Mr. Flotsam & Mr. Jetsam 5012.

Banjo Solo—

In the Moonlight

Len Fills DB91.

Chorus—

Maori Song—Maori Love Ditty

Rotorua Maori Choir of N.Z. DB309.

Saxophone Solo—

Serenade-Badine

Rudy Wiedoff 5003.

Song—

Goodbye to All That

Marie Burke (Soprano) DB109.

Xylophone Solo—

The Woman in the Shoe

Rudy Starita DB120.

Organ Solo—

Ragamuffin Romeo

Terence Casey DB260.

Vocal Duet—

Love and Kisses

Mr. Flotsam & Mr. Jetsam 5012.

Banjo Solo—

Now I'm in Love

Len Fills DB91.

Chorus—

Maori Song—The Warrior's

Departure

Rotorua Maori Choir of N.Z. DB309.

Saxophone Solo—

Melodie

Rudy Wiedoff

8.30-8.50 p.m.—Orchestral.

Dance Macabre (Saint-Saens)

Orchestra Symphonique (of Paris)

DX121.

Die Meistersinger—Quartette

(Wagner)

Bruno Walter & Symphony Orch.

DX88.

8.50-9.20 p.m.—A relay from Daven-  
try of the Empire Day Luncheon

Speech by The Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas

Secretary of State for the Dominions,

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## DUTCH CABINET FORMED

M. Colyn Selects His Ministers.

Amsterdam, To-day.  
The constitution of the new Dutch Cabinet is announced as follows:—  
Premier and Minister for Colonies, Mr. Colyn.  
Minister for Interior, Dr. de Wilde.  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. S. de Graaf.  
Minister for Defence, Dr. L. N. Deckers.  
Minister for Economic Affairs, M. T. J. Verschuier.  
Minister for Labour, Dr. Slotemaker de Bruïne.  
Minister for Arts and Sciences, M. Marchant.  
Minister for Finance, M. Oud Dykes.  
Minister for Waterways, M. Kalf.  
Minister for Justice, M. van Schaik.

## WARSHIPS DRESSED.

Empire Day Observance.  
All warships in port were dressed to-day. Foreign warships also were gay with bunting, in honour of Empire Day.  
H.M.S. Cardoc arrived in port early this morning, from Kluang and Hankow. She is to refit here.

## SIR MILES LAMPSON APPROACHED.

Services Again Sought As Mediator.

London, To-day.  
The British Minister in Peking, Sir Miles Lampson, has been approached by many leaders in China, with a view to his mediation between the Japanese and Chinese.  
No definite request has been made by the Nanking Government, but several prominent Chinese have expressed a hope that the British Minister would, in this way, assist in finding a solution of the present situation.—British Wireless Service.

## BRITAIN'S REPLY TO ROOSEVELT

(Continued from Page 1.)

convention presented to the Disarmament Conference by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, on March 16.  
"His Majesty's Government see in this an earnest intention on the part of the United States Government to collaborate at Geneva in pressing for the general adoption of this draft convention as a whole."  
"His Majesty's Government believe for their part that if this can be attained the result will be the restoration of the confidence between the nations of the world,

## NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. A. Caldecott.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS APPOINTMENT

London, To-day.  
The Colonial Office announces that Mr. Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E., acting Chief Secretary of the Government of the Malay States, has been selected for the appointment as Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, in succession to Sir John Scott, K.B.E., C.M.G.—Reuter.

Mr. Caldecott has held various appointments in the Malayan Civil Service, including Acting Controller of Labour; Under-Secretary, Straits Settlements; Commissioner of Lands, F.M.S.; Secretary for Postal Affairs; Acting British Resident at Negri Sembilan and Perak and British Resident at Selangor.

Sir John Scott has been Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements since 1929, and previously held posts in Ceylon, Nigeria and Tanganyika Territory. He was in the Ceylon Civil Service from 1901 to 1921.

and that thus the best preparation will be made for vital decisions which the monetary and economic conference will be called upon to take."

Replies from Governments in the British Dominions have also been delivered to the President.—British Wireless Service.

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